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SUBJ: PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CONSULTING GROUP THAT
PETROLEOS MEXICANES (PEMEX) INTENDS TO FORM A SUBSIDIARY
COMPANY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE PETROLEUM
COMPANIES OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES. THIS ASSISTANCE IS CALLED
FOR BY A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY EX-PRESIDENT
LUIS ECHEVERRIA OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS.

2. PEMEX REPORTEDLY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FURNISH ALL OF THE
AID PROMISED EITHER DUE TO LACK OF EXPERIENCE OR SHORTAGE
OF PERSONNEL WITH REQUIRED EXPERTISE. THEREFORE, ACCORDING
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WOULD LIKE TO SUB-CONTRACT SOME OF THE TRAINING INVOLVED
TO U.S. OR BRITISH OIL COMPANY.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: IF PEMEX WERE TO TRY TO
IMPLEMENT ALL THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY LE, THE CALLE
ON ITS ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL COULD

SERIOUSLY IMPEDE MEXICO'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ITS OWN
OIL RESOURCES. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT IMPORTANCE
THE LOPEZ-PORTILLO ADMINISTRATION WILL ATTACH TO THESE
ACCORDS. USE OF A FOREIGN SUBCONTRACTOR COULD BE A
VIABLE SOLUTION TO PEMEX'S DIFFICULTIES. EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT
THAT HAS COME TO ATTENTION OF OTHER POSTS.
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